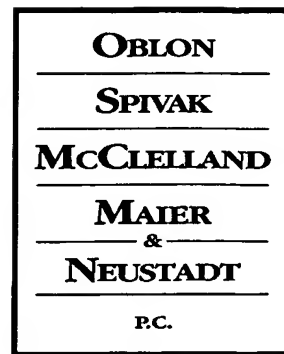




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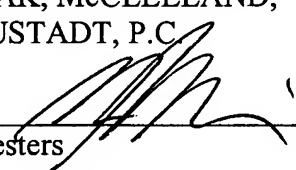
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Response

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In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005, Applicants provide the following comments.

On April 12 and 19, 2005, Applicant's representative Chien Yuan discussed the following matter with Examiner Thomas, who agreed to withdrawal the outstanding Restriction Requirement in view of the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 7, 2003. Because Applicants have not yet received any subsequent correspondence from Examiner Thomas regarding this application, the present response is submitted to formally request the withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement.

The Office Action required a restriction in the present application to one of the following claim groups:

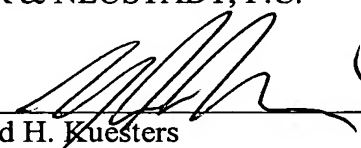
- I. Claims 1-7, 19, and 31-35; and
- II. Claims 8-18 and 20-30.

However, claims 1-7, 19, and 31-35 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 7, 2003. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment along with the accompanying date-stamped filing receipt is herewith submitted. Thus, the requirement for restriction is obviated, and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of claims 8-18 and 20-30 is believed to be in order. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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